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The Arvind Foundation Newsletter



Dear Readers,

Arvind Café has been a success each time our young adults have hosted it. The young adults are always enthusiastic and put in so much efforts to make each event a success; it is a delight to watch. Just as the Café has provided a platform for our young chefs, Saaraansh has brought out the acting prowess in them. This year again the audience was awestruck. The children have been our teachers in many ways teaching us persistence, hard work and patience. This has motivated us to do more and we have planned a store on wheels to display and sell the products made by them. We look forward to working with them and providing them more avenues of livelihood and sustenance. As ever, a big shout out to all our well-wishers, volunteers and donors who have been with us all these years. We hope to have your support for many more years to come.

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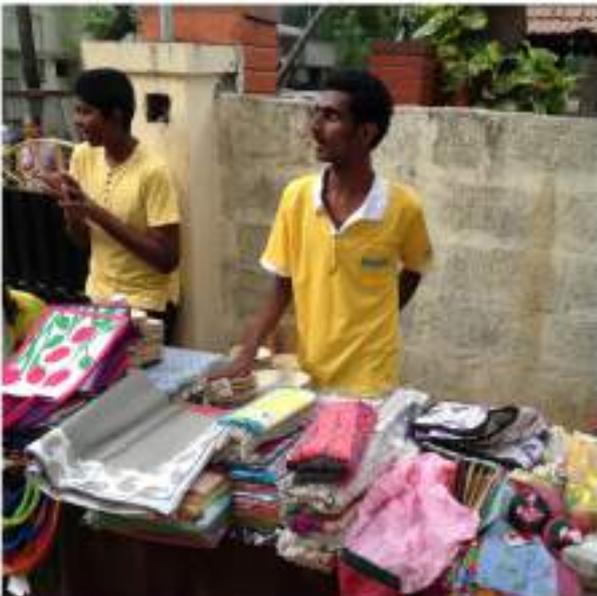
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Our young chefs put up another edition of Arvind's Café entertaining the guests with lovely juices and snacks tantalizing their taste buds. Keri ka sharbat, green healthy juice, banana dates juice, watermelon juice, carrot and nellikai juice were in the beverages menu. The highlight was the students conceived the mocktails themselves and they turned out yumm. The veg lollipops and the mixed veg pakodas balanced the taste buds with the right amount of spiciness and crispiness. We also had a stall displaying and selling the products made and packed by our special needs young children.



Our Special Teachers

For a day on 12 Aug 2019, three of our special needs young adults, Vinod, Siva Peter, and Gokul became teachers to L & T Infotech staff. They taught them to make paper bags, newspaper covers, soft pastel envelopes, braided bracelets and many other things that they have learnt as part of their vocational training. The special youngsters and the LTI staff loved this one of a kind workshop experience.



Gokul



Siva Peter



Vinod



Our special teachers with their teacher

The Lamp of Light at the Foundation

Arvind Foundation received a precious gift of a Kuthuvilakku — a tall bronze traditional lamp. Mrs. Hannah, the head of Computer Science department of Anna Adarsh college, got to know of this requirement and within a week's time she not only mobilised resources, procured the lamp and donated it to the Foundation, but had also meticulously taken details regarding its maintenance and passed them over while handing over the lamp. We are grateful to all the donors who contributed to the cost of the lamp and to Mrs. Hannah for making this happen.



A fun day with Viacom friends

On 9 August 2019 about 10 volunteers from Viacom visited the Arvindniketan and Arvind Institute of Vocation Excellence in K. K. Nagar, Chennai. They spent half-a-day with the students playing exciting games. This was a pleasant change in the students' routine and made the students very happy and joyful. They also donated some stationeries to the school. We are ever so grateful for the gesture by the Viacom volunteers.



Scintillating Saaraansh

Scintillating Seasons was the theme for this year's Annual Day on 25 Aug 2019 at Arvind Foundation. The students from the four centers beautifully portrayed the four seasons, Summer, Monsoon, Winter and Spring for 75 minutes. The special aspects of the seasons, shops selling flowers, fruits, games, festivals and much more were enacted on stage and the children conveyed a lot through dance, miming and movement. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show especially Id, Diwali, Christmas festival dances, the Flower dance and the Valentines dance. Those who were present are sure to agree that it was a wonderful day well spent witnessing the fabulous performance by our special needs students.





A beautiful performance by our special needs young children depicting the four seasons

No help is small help! We are always looking for funds to support more special needs children and young adults and volunteers to help us through the various events we conduct. If you would like to help us in our journey, please contact 9841034234, 9841615333 or 7299911022 or email us at arvind_foundation@yahoo.in.

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